

# The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter



## Term 1 Week 1—4th February 2020

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### WELCOME

I hope you have had a relaxing break and enjoyed the beginning of the 2020 school year. It is great to see so many smiling faces enter the school gates again this year. It is a privilege to work in our school community, and we look forward to working with you throughout the year ahead. A warm welcome is extended to everyone, we especially welcome the new families to our school. This week we welcome 5 new students across our students in Years 1-6. Another 46 smiling Kindergarten students began their exciting Holy Spirit journey with us today.

Thank you for ensuring that students are in the correct school uniform and are organised and ready to learn for the school year.

I would also like to thank our staff for their efforts over the last weeks to ensure our homerooms are ready and are warm and inviting places for learning. Undertaking our Maths Interviews (Yrs 1-6) and Best Start Testing (Kinder) was a great way for the teachers and students to start building rapport for the year ahead. As we begin our 2020 school year, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that our school community works in partnership with families to ensure that children can grow and learn in a caring and nurturing environment. Please feel free to chat with teaching staff or myself about your child, school issues or ideas you have for our school community. I very much look forward to working with you all during the year.



The whole school assembled this morning to welcome our new Kinder students and watched them ring our Fallon Bell for the first time to celebrate the start of their school journey here at Holy Spirit.

### STAFFING

It gives me great pleasure to welcome many new staff this year to Holy Spirit.

Mr Nick Turner is taking on the role of PE and Learning support in Yr 3-6, Mrs Sarah Dunlop is teaching Year 3, Mr Andrew Flores in Year 6, Miss Monique Salcedo and Miss Lillian Brigden are Learning Support across K-6. Our school counsellor, Mrs Michelle Wood will be working two days a week this year. I have no doubt you will make them feel welcome to our school community. Please find attached the Staffing for 2020.

### COMMUNICATION

As a school, one of our aims is to continue to improve our communication. Our Compass platform is well and truly running now, I would ask all parents that can't access this platform to do so immediately. The vast majority of our communication takes place through Compass, including accessing school reports. I would ask you to regularly check our new school website for all school information including an up to date calendar. Each Sunday a weekly update is sent out via Compass and our Facebook page.

As per last year, all teaching staff will be sharing their email address. Accompanying this newsletter is a protocol for appropriate use of email.

### WWCC (Working With Children Check)

As previously advertised, we are asking all volunteers to have a WWCC this year. This is a no-cost application and needs to be completed only once and is not an inconvenience, but a safety element for our students.

All the information you need to apply for a WWCC can be found at: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/childsafes](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/childsafes)  
All volunteer activities include: carnivals, reading, canteen and excursions etc. Once you receive your WWCC paperwork, including the number and expiry, could you please give a copy to our School Office.

### WELCOME BBQ

We will be hosting our Meet and Greet sessions in the classrooms between 5:30 and 6:30 pm and our Beginning of Year Welcome BBQ between 6:30 and 7:30 pm on Tuesday the 11th February. Everyone is encouraged to attend, have a sausage and get to meet parents and teachers.

### KNOW YOUR STUDENT SESSIONS

On Tuesday 25th of February, we will be conducting 'Know Your Student' sessions. On Monday this week, we sent home a note. We would like your input, outlining your child's strengths and areas of concern prior to the sessions. More information will be distributed as to booking a session through Compass in the near future.

## CANTEEN

Our School Canteen re-opens this Friday. This year the Canteen will be run on Mondays and Fridays at lunch time only. We had quite a few of our volunteers leave last year as their children finished Year 6, so we require more assistance. The ongoing sustainability of our canteen hinges on your support as volunteers. If you can assist, could you please email Nina Moran ([morann@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:morann@ww.catholic.edu.au)).

## OPEN DOOR

Finally, I remind families that I welcome any opportunity to meet with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, need assistance or are looking for ways you can become a more active part of our school community. Please feel free to make an appointment with the Office, call during the day or email me on [keanm@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:keanm@ww.catholic.edu.au)

## UPCOMING DATES

- HSS Swimming Carnival Yr 3-6 @ Albury Pool Mon 10th Feb 9-2 pm
- Meet and Greet and Welcome BBQ 11th Feb 5:30-7:30 pm
- School Parish Mass 15th Feb 6 pm
- HSS 50th Anniversary 21st-23rd Feb
- HSS Anniversary Focus 21st Feb: Mass (9:30 am), Open Day 10:30- 1 pm) and Wine and Cheese Night in the hall (7-9 pm)
- 'Get to Know' sessions 25th Feb 1:30-6:30 pm

# Religious Education

A warm welcome to all our students and families returning after the Christmas break. Also, a BIG welcome to new students, families and staff to our special Holy Spirit School family. Everyone is excited to be back on board and ready to help guide your child's learning throughout 2020.

## Dates to add to your calendar

**Beginning of School Liturgy**—7th February 2:15pm Hall

**School Mass**— Saturday 15th February 6pm

**50th Anniversary School and Parish Mass** – Friday 21st February 9:30am

**Ash Wednesday** - 26th February 9:15am

**St Patrick's Day Mass** – Tuesday 17th March 9:15am

**Saturday Mass** - 6pm (21st March)

## Sacrament Dates

Saturday 6th June—**Confirmation** —Year 6

Sunday 8th September- **First Communion**

Sunday 13th September— **First Communion**—Year 3

Saturday 14th November—**First Reconciliation**—Year 2

Saturday 16th November- First Reconciliation

## Deanery Mass

The staff of Albury Deanery Catholic schools attended a beginning of year Mass held at Sacred Heart Church last night. Our new staff were welcomed—Mr Andrew Flores, Mr Nicholas Turner, Mrs Sarah Dunlop, Miss Monique Salcedo and Miss Lillian Brigden. Welcome! Congratulations to the following staff who received special recognition at the Mass for their service to Catholic Education.

**Ms Susan Hayhoe** who received recognition for 40 years of service

**Mrs Bev Lowe** who received recognition for 40 years of service

**Mr Sean Michael** who who received recognition for 30 years of service

**Mrs Cheryl Brigden** who received recognition for 25 years of service

**Mrs Elizabeth Jones** who received recognition for 25 years of service

**Mr Matt Kean** who received recognition for 20 years of service

**Joanne Davies**

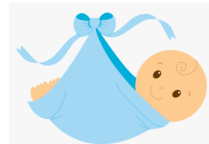
**Religious Education Coordinator**



Congratulations to Miss Brooke Dainer, who became Mrs Collins when she married Daniel Collins during the school holidays!



Also, to Zoe and Ryan Hehir who welcomed a baby son – Fraser Jack Hehir.



**Congratulations!**

# HSS Staffing 2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Mr Matt Kean
<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (Acting)</b>	Mrs Cheryl Brigden
<b>RE COORDINATOR (Acting)</b>	Mrs Jo Davies
<b>IDL T (Inclusion &amp; Diversity)</b>	Mrs Nicole Hickey

## CLASSES

YEAR	Homeroom 1	Homeroom 2
<b>Kinder</b>	Mr Sean Michael	Mrs Maree Brosolo
<b>1</b>	Mr Mark Moore	Mrs Emily Poynter (4 days) Mrs Sophie Reid (1 day)
<b>2</b>	Miss Kerrie White (3 days) Mrs Leanda Meares (2 days)	Mrs Lucy Emmett (3 days) Mrs Leanda Meares (2 days)
<b>3</b>	Mrs Sarah Dunlop	Mrs Jo Davies (3 days) Mrs Diana Voss (2 days)
<b>4</b>	Miss Brooke Dainer	Mr Erik Hamilton
<b>5</b>	Mrs Holli Ackerly	Mr Brett Sanson (4 days) Mr Simon Goss (1 day)
<b>6</b>	Mrs Nicole O'Farrell (3 days) Mrs Raelene Harding (2 days)	Mr Andrew Flores
	Morning Block Teacher Support Role	Mr Goss, Mrs Peverell, Mr Turner, Ms Hayhoe

## SPECIALIST ROLES

<b>PE</b>	Mr Nick Tuner & Mr Matt Kean	<b>Creative Arts</b>	Mr Simon Goss
<b>Maths Intervention</b>	Mrs Cheryl Brigden & Mrs Raelene Harding	<b>Reading Recovery</b>	Mrs Tanya Peverell
<b>Library</b>	Ms Susan Hayhoe	<b>DPL</b> (Digital Tech Leader)	Mr Brett Sanson
<b>Teaching Support</b>	Ms Leanne Foster, Mrs Jodie Thomas, Mrs Lisa Gavel, Miss Monique Salcedo & Miss Lillian Brigden	<b>Administration</b>	Mrs Liz Jones, Mrs Denise Garland & Mrs Melissa Pizzolato
<b>School Chaplain</b>	Mrs Liz Jones	<b>Counsellor</b>	Mrs Michelle Wood Wednesday and Thursday
<b>EALD</b>	Mrs Brenda Konecnik	<b>Canteen</b>	Mrs Nina Moran

# Nude Food at Holy Spirit School

From 2020, HSS is aspiring to become a Nude Food school. We are working toward reducing our waste at school to benefit our local community, as well as the wider world. Please assist us with this initiative by reading and following the following guidelines.

## What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging. The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed by how enthused your child can become on this...



## Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten food being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning. Alternatively, for older children, encouraged them to pack their own lunches to assist with your family routine.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or a lunchbox. If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuel is used to transport it into your supermarket.
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## To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:

- **Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones**
- **Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended or refilling with water**
- **Reusable containers for putting all of your food snacks and drinks into**
- **Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers**

## Try to avoid

- **Ziplock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil a packed drink, single-serve**
- **yoghurts and cheese**
- **Single-use plastic forks and spoons**
- **Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips**

For some helpful information and some great Nude Food recipes, please visit [www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources](http://www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources)

For more information, please don't hesitate to speak directly to Erik Hamilton, Kerrie White, Matt Kean or Cheryl Brigden.

Warm regards,  
Holy Spirit  
School  
Community

## **Examples -**



## **HOLY SPIRIT IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

Foods such as Peanut Butter, Nutella and nutty snack bars are not permitted.



## Email Protocols at HSS

Email is an environmentally friendly way of communicating that can save time when used effectively. We acknowledge that email is very convenient for parents who are working and find it difficult to catch up with school staff during regular work hours. Having said that, our school community values face to face and phone conversations and understands that these forms of communication are preferred in many situations.



At Holy Spirit School we are committed to open, honest and timely communication. We are also committed to communication being respectful, measured, sensitive and constructive. In adhering to these principles we aim to strengthen the goodwill and the positive partnership between parents and the school, to enhance the wellbeing and learning opportunities for our students. We acknowledge the potential benefits of staff and parents communicating via email, but also understand its shortcomings.

### Expectations of Parents

- Remember to respect staff personal time. Parents shouldn't send emails outside of work hours and expect an immediate response.
- Please only send non-vital messages by this medium. For example, do not use email to inform a teacher that your child is not to go home on the bus that afternoon, as the teacher may not see the message in time. Remember that given work demands teachers may not get to read emails until late in the day.
- Please don't seek to discuss in detail your child's academic progress, learning expectations, or behavioural issues via email. These are best addressed over the phone or in person.
- Emails are to be strictly between parent and teacher, under no circumstance should these be shared with any other party.

Matt Kean  
Principal



ALEA RIVERINA MURRAY IS PROUD TO PRESENT A  
FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

# Starting School

Supporting your child's literacy  
development

**TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY**  
**HUME PUBLIC SCHOOL,**  
**7 - 8:30PM.**

**Presented by Dr Noella Mackenzie**  
**Associate Professor in Literacy Studies at Charles**  
**Sturt University**

Topics discussed include:  
- the links between drawing, talking, writing and reading  
- why we should continue to read aloud to children  
- the power of rhymes, poems and songs  
- helping children to learn about how letters look and work  
- supporting children as they learn how to write and read

REGISTER ONLINE  
OR CONTACT NATALIE  
NTHOMPSON@CSU.EDU.AU  
02 6051 9236



 AUSTRALIAN LITERACY  
EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION



## Kids on Keyboards

2020

### Last Chance!

When: Monday, 3.05pm

Where: Holy Spirit Primary School

Tired of running your children to activities and paying excessive fees? Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school!

Fees are low (\$130.00 a term), with book and audio included.

Students in Grade 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment.

Numbers are limited to one class per week.

Call Jacqui Dainer on 0406 238 465 for details and bookings.

# BINGO

## Volunteers needed!



Dear Parents

Many of you may not know that Holy Spirit School organise and run BINGO every Wednesday night in our School Hall. We have a fantastic BUT SMALL group of parents and staff who volunteer their time to help raise valuable funds for Holy Spirit School. These funds help to: purchase new readers and Maths equipment and pay for improvements to our ever-changing classroom infrastructure.

Every year the school community is asked to help through volunteering their time (approximately 2½ hours every 9-10 weeks) to work at BINGO. The MORE people volunteering, the MORE teams we can make up and therefore, the less times people are rostered onto work! We need people who are willing to learn how to push a few buttons on the automatic computer caller as well as people who can sell chips, drinks and raffle tickets.

On the job training is provided as well as support from myself and other team members. You will not be left to 'sink or swim'! Each team is made up of 3 volunteers, with 1 operating the computer caller. It isn't hard work.

### **We need more people to volunteer for 2020**

At present our roster has vacancies where people have retired. **PLEASE**, if you can spare a few hours every 10-11 weeks, volunteer on the BINGO roster and help make a difference at Holy Spirit School for your child and lighten the load for the few already volunteering.

If you are able to volunteer, please fill out the form on the back and hand it into the School Office and I will be in contact with you regarding training and team placement. Remember, **IT IS NOT HARD WORK TO LEARN**. Your support will be enormously appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank, most sincerely, the parents and staff who have made the \$35,000 possible through volunteering at BINGO. Many of these people have been on the roster since their children started at Holy Spirit School. A debt of gratitude to: Maree Brosolo, Angela Gleeson, Mellany Mercer (retired), Ben Taylor, Kate Besford, Cheryl Brigden, Brooke Dainer (retired), Kerrie White (retired), Luci Emmett, Kirrilly Holmes, Glynis Heard, Kate McAuliffe (retired), Somer Irving, Wayne Daniell (retired), Kylie Lahm (retired), Andrew Edwards, Darcy Irving, Natasha Zegiel Fry, Brendan O'Brien, April Piltz, Emily Sarroff, Luke Mooring, Kelly Huckel, Sharnee Effting, Nuala Jewitt, and Matt Kean. Holy Spirit School community thank you so much for your support and commitment.

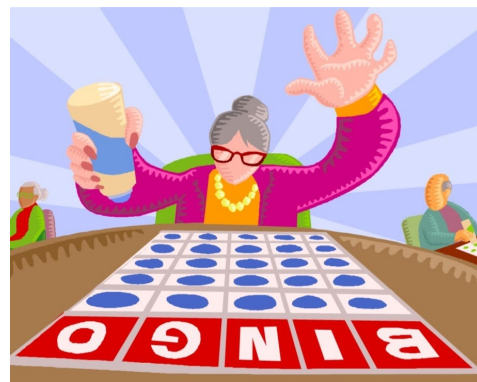
If you have any questions about helping out at BINGO, please don't hesitate to speak to myself or Maree Brosolo at anytime.

Yours sincerely,

**Jodie Thomas**  
(BINGO Coordinator)

**Matt Kean**  
Principal

# BINGO Volunteers



I, ....., would like to volunteer as a worker on the BINGO Roster.

## PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPLICABLE STATEMENT

I am prepared to learn how to be a caller.

I would prefer not call.

Name: .....

Child's Name/Homeroom: .....

Contact Number: .....

Email: .....

# Thank you



<b>BINGO ROSTER...</b>	
<b>5th February</b>	
<b><u>Caller 4</u></b> <u>Sharnee Efftting</u>	<b><u>Team 2</u></b> <u>Kirrilly Holmes</u> <u>Luke Mooring</u>
<b>12th February</b>	
<b><u>Caller 5</u></b> <u>Matt Kean</u>	<b><u>Team 3</u></b> <u>Kate Besford</u> <u>Natasha Ziegel-Fry</u>
<b>19th February</b>	
<b><u>Caller 6</u></b> <u>Nuala Jewitt</u>	<b><u>Team 4</u></b> <u>Cheryl Brigden</u> <u>Brendan O'Brien</u>





## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH & SCHOOL 50TH CELEBRATION**

# **21st - 23rd of February**

### **FRIDAY 21st**

9:30 am Mass

10:30 –1 pm School Open Day

5:30– 6:30 pm Hour of Prayer

7-9 pm : Wine & Cheese Night

(see below for details)

### **SATURDAY 22nd**

3-5pm Open Afternoon : Games,

Time Capsule Digging & Tree Planting

7pm onwards : Formal Parish

Dinner in the Hall

### **SUNDAY 23rd**

Mass 10am & BBQ afterwards

## ***WINE & CHEESE NIGHT***

**FRIDAY 21ST FEB 2020 7-9 PM**

**HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL HALL MUTSCH ST LAVINGTON**

**Tickets can be purchased at the School Office  
or via BSB by Thursday 13th of February**

**Tickets \$15 per head**

**BSB: 066789**

**ACCOUNT: 100003620**

**Please quote your surname and W&C Night**

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